



The City Council of the City of Columbus, Texas met in regular session on Monday, February 9, 2026, at 5:30 PM, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 605 Spring St., Columbus, Texas, with the following present:

Mayor – Lori An Gobert  
Mayor Pro Tem – Chuck Rankin  
Councilman – Keith Cummings  
Councilman – Ronny Daley  
Councilwoman – Paige Sciba  
Councilwoman – Renee Long  
City Manager – Donald Warschak  
City Secretary – Bana Schneider  
Assistant City Secretary – Dinah Jacobs (Absent)

Other City Staff present included:

Police Chief – Skip Edman

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor, Lori An Gobert, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**

Gobert led the pledge and invocation.

**3. Consent Agenda:**

Motion to approve consent agenda as presented.

*Moved by:* Ronny Daley

*Seconded by:* Keith Cummings

**Aye** Renee Long, Paige Sciba, Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings, and Ronny Daley

**Carried 5-0**

3.1 Approval of Invoices

3.2 Approval of Minutes of the January 26, 2026 Regular Meeting

[20260126 MINUTES.pdf](#)

**4. Consideration and Action to Approve Invoices from Columbus Tire Center (Sciba Corporation).** [20260209 COLUMBUS TIRE.pdf](#)

Motion to approve the Columbus Tire invoices as presented.

*Moved by:* Keith Cummings

*Seconded by:* Chuck Rankin

**Aye** Renee Long, Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings, and Ronny Daley

**Abstain** Paige Sciba

**Carried 4-0**

**5. Citizens' Presentations and Comments'**

Texas House District 85 candidate Dennis Geesaman introduced himself to council.

**6. City Manager's Report. [20260209 CM REPORT.pdf](#)**

City Manager, Donald Warschak, gave the report a copy is attached to these minutes.

Councilman Chuck Rankin asked when the Spring water plant would be back online. Warschak stated it should be back in operation in the next couple of weeks.

**7. Consideration and Action to Authorize Management to Enter into an Agreement for Electric Utility Rates as Deemed most Advantageous by Administrative Staff.**

Warschak stated our current contract expires in the next few months, and we need to be prepared when favorable rates become available.

Motion to authorize management to enter into an agreement for electric utility rates as deemed most advantageous.

*Moved by:* Chuck Rankin

*Seconded by:* Keith Cummings

**Aye** Renee Long, Paige Sciba, Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings, and Ronny Daley

**Carried 5-0**

**8. Public Hearing on Proposed Annexation of a 3.00 Acre Tract of City Owned Property Situated in the W.B. Dewees Survey, Abstract Number 18, Colorado County, Texas.**

[ANNEXATION-NOTICE OF 2ND PUBLIC HEARING--02-09-2026.pdf](#)

Gobert opened the public hearing at 5:42 p.m.

With no public comments, the hearing was closed at 5:42 p.m. by Gobert.

**9. Consideration and Action to Approve Ordinance 297-26, an Ordinance Annexing 3.00 Acres of City Owned Property Situated in the W.B. Dewees Survey, Abstract No. 18, Colorado County, Texas; Granting to all Landowners the Rights and Privileges of Other Citizens; Binding Landowners by all of the Acts, Ordinances, Resolutions, and Regulations of the City of Columbus; and Adopting a Service Plan. [ORD 297-26](#)**

[ANNEXATION.pdf](#)

Consideration and Action to approve Ordinance 297-26 as presented.

*Moved by:* Paige Sciba

*Seconded by:* Chuck Rankin

**Aye** Renee Long, Paige Sciba, Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings, and Ronny Daley

**Carried 5-0**

10. **Consideration and Action Regarding the Sale of Real Property Owned by the City, Located on FM 806, Pursuant to Section 272.001 Local Government Code; the Approval of the Required Minimum Bid of \$100,000, and Authorizing City Management Take All Necessary Action for the Posting of the Required Notice. [NOTICE TO BIDDERS SALE OF CITY OWNED REAL PROPERTY.pdf](#)** 

Motion to approve the notice to bidders for the sale of city owned real property and authorize management to make all necessary posting requirements.

*Moved by:* Paige Sciba

*Seconded by:* Renee Long

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**Aye** Renee Long, Paige Sciba, Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings, and Ronny Daley

**Carried 5-0**

11. **Consideration and Action to Approve Ordinance 298-26, an Ordinance Amending the Master Fees Schedule Amended by Ordinance 295-25, Adding Fees for Water Utility Shut-Off/Turn-On Requests and Amending Service Tap Fees. [ORD 298-26 AMENDING MASTER FEE SCHEDULE.pdf](#)** 

City Secretary, Bana Schneider, stated there would be no changes to the service tap fees. Council discussed the language for shut off/turn on fees of rental properties.

Motion to approve Ordinance 298-26 amending the master fee scheduled with changes as discussed.

*Moved by:* Chuck Rankin

*Seconded by:* Paige Sciba

**Aye** Renee Long, Paige Sciba, Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings, and Ronny Daley

**Carried 5-0**

12. **Consideration and Action to Authorize a Development Agreement with Columbus Little League for the Construction and Dedication of New Field Lighting.**

Kirk Lowe, representing the Little League board, gave an overview of the project.

Councilwoman Paige Sciba stated they should consider adding lighting to the parking areas.

Motion to approve the development agreement with Columbus Little League.

*Moved by:* Paige Sciba  
*Seconded by:* Ronny Daley

**Aye** Renee Long, Paige Sciba, Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings, and Ronny Daley

**Carried 5-0**

**13. Consideration and Action to Authorize a Development Agreement with the Columbus Municipal Golf Association for Construction and Dedication of Golf Course Improvements to Include New Cart Storage Sheds.**

CMGA board members, Mike Sewell, Larry McGrath, and Larry Zajicek were present.

Motion to approve the development agreement with the CMGA.

*Moved by:* Paige Sciba  
*Seconded by:* Chuck Rankin

**Aye** Renee Long, Paige Sciba, Chuck Rankin, Keith Cummings, and Ronny Daley

**Carried 5-0**

**14. Consideration and Action, if Necessary, Regarding the January 2026 CMGA Golf Report. [CMGA JANUARY 2026.pdf](#)**

Schneider gave an overview of the report.

No action was required.

**15. Items from Councilmembers<sup>2</sup>**

Cummings - none

Daley - none

Sciba - none

Long - none

Rankin - the Mayor has done a really great job on the drainage project construction fiasco

Gobert - commented on a couple of recent meetings she attended - the Chamber of Commerce put on a great awards program and the Columbus Historic Preservation Trust showed off the improvements at the Stafford Opera House which looks really nice

**16. Announcements**

Schneider stated February 13th is the last day to file for a place on the ballot for the May general election.

**17. Adjournment**

Gobert adjourned the meeting at 6:02 p.m.



**Lori An Gobert, Mayor**

**Attest:**



**Bana Schneider, City Secretary**

<sup>1</sup>During this agenda item, citizens may comment for the record on items which are not on the agenda. However, the Council may not participate in discussion or deliberation on any item that is not on the agenda. Citizens may request that a topic be added to a future agenda.

<sup>2</sup>Limited to statements. Issues raised by councilmembers under this item cannot be deliberated by Council. The Open Meetings Act does not allow Council to deliberate items that don't appear on the agenda.

